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Ministers confident of success in Malaya

Strachey, Griffiths give views at Press conference

DEVELOPMENT OF UNITED MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, June 2.
The British War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. James Griffiths, at a joint Press conference here today, said they were confident that the Malayan Communist Party's armed insurrection would be suppressed.

SCAP ruling on foreign exchange

Tokyo, June 2.
General MacArthur's Headquarters announced today that application forms for foreigners to open convertible yen accounts are now available at banks throughout Japan.
Effective July 1, foreign currency deposits other than for occupation personnel and authorized agencies will be discontinued and foreign exchange holdings must be concentrated in yen or deposited in convertible yen accounts.
"A" accounts will be established in dollars, "B" accounts in Sterling.
All convertible accounts will be backed 100 per cent by reserve in foreign exchange.
All businesses licensed to receive and permit foreign exchange in Japan must open convertible accounts. There will be no compulsion, however, to convert the present foreign exchange holdings into yen before July 1. The balances now held may be freely remitted abroad.—United Press.

Ship fired on while entering Amoy

The ss. Cheung Hing, owned by the Tu Hing Shipping Company and chartered to the Jobshun Shipping Company, returned to the Colony on Thursday evening after failing to disembark her eight passengers and cargo in Amoy.
The vessel left Hong Kong on May 30 bound for Amoy. As she was entering that port on Wednesday evening, shots were fired at her from the shore, so she changed her course and returned to Hong Kong.
An inspection of the ship by the officers revealed several holes in the side of the vessel on the starboard side caused by rifle shots, although no one on board the ship was injured.

"Smart" seamen don't talk about what they've seen in Red China

Vancouver, B.C., June 2.
The "Vancouver Sun" said yesterday that fear has tied the tongues of seamen who have visited Red China ports.

The Weather

At 5:00 GMT (10 a.m. HKST) from a depression to the SW of Tokyo a trough extends SWward to B. Port, then across China Sea to S. depression over N. Indo-China.
Today's Forecast—Moderate W. winds with rain. Overcast with rain and drizzle at times. Temperature: 24-28°C. (75-82°F).
Tomorrow's Forecast—W. winds. Temperature: 24-28°C. (75-82°F).
Rainfall: 1.5 mm. (0.06 in.). Total since Jan. 1—477.6 mm. (18.77 in.).
Sunshine: 10.5 hours. (4.3 hours in June).
Wind speed: 10-15 km/h. (6-9 mph).
Humidity: 70-80%.

The story quoted seamen of the American freighter Dolly Madison, which arrived at nearby New Westminster yesterday. They said they were convinced there is a world-wide Communist underground with cells in every major port that "takes care" of sailors who talk out of turn about what they have seen in China.

"You don't have to believe me," one crew member was quoted as saying, "but I have seen enough to know that the smart ones don't talk."

"Because I have seen pals of mine who did, and it doesn't matter if it is Marseille or Liverpool or Buenos Aires, they have their methods."

The seaman, who declined to give his name, was quoted as saying he was convinced there was a world "black list" and that this explained the "disappearance" of seamen from time to time in various ports.

Another crew member said that when the Dolly Madison was in Tientsin, another American ship was just pulling out, three men went ashore and two women had gone ashore for the day. They had not seen each other.

Boatswain James L. Walter, a West Indian, was quoted by the "Sun" as saying:

Clamped down
"Things were all right when our sister ship was there (Tientsin) two weeks before. But then the authorities clamped down. The rule in North China now is no telegrams, no transmissions on ship's radio while in port, and no guarantee of what happens if you go ashore."

"But in Dairen, they really clamped down. We had been 21 days at sea, but not one of us was even permitted to step off the gangplank onto the dock."

"One of the officers normally stands on the dock during loading and unloading, but the Chinese would not even permit that."

"We heard that the reason for this is that the Russians have a big submarine base at Port Arthur, nearby."

ss. Mausang leaves Shanghai with full cargo for Hong Kong

The British merchant ship, ss. Mausang, steamed out of Shanghai yesterday morning and entered international waters thereby being the first major ship to successfully trade with Shanghai in more than eight months. She is due in Hong Kong late on Sunday.

South Africa not recognising Peking Gov't

Capetown, June 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Daniel Malan today announced amid cheers that the Union Government had decided not to recognise the new Communist Government of China.—Reuters.

Tokyo Police ban Red demonstration

Tokyo, June 2.
The Tokyo Metropolitan Police have banned a Communist-inspired demonstration at the Hibiya Park, Tokyo, on June 3, a Police Board spokesman said today.

The police authorities stated that the sponsors of the demonstration had failed to give the requisite notice of the rally. The police were taking "suitable precautions" in case the ban was defied, the spokesman added.

On the eve of the elections to the Diet (the Upper House) on June 4, other demonstrations are expected at Osaka, Kyoto and other centres.

Eleven universities have thus far agreed to a nationwide student "anti-American" strike on June 3.

The defence in the trial of eight Japanese charged with attacking Americans began an obvious slowdown today in the presentation of its case and Japanese Press quarters believed the Communist wanted the trial to continue until tomorrow so that demands for the release of the defendants could be a rally cry during the demonstrations, adds United Press.

The slowdown came after the Court announced it would hold a night session tonight in an effort to wind up as speedily as possible. The Japanese defence attorneys suddenly announced they had additional witnesses.

Two of the accused took the stand during the day, to claim their arrest was a "big mistake."

"Peace plebiscite"
The Japan Communist Party intends to follow up tomorrow's general strike tactics with a "peace plebiscite" and nationwide demonstrations on Sunday to coincide with the Upper House elections.

The Japanese Government said it had secured information to this effect and is working on measures to cope with the Communist move.

The Communists are planning to set up polls throughout the country and hold a "plebiscite" at the same time voters are casting ballots in the official election. The Reds want the voters to cast ballots on the problem of permanent neutrality, opposition to the establishment of military bases by foreign powers and opposition to war.

Top national and rural police officials met with Premier Yoshida to discuss plans for meeting the Communist threat and then conferred with Major General Charles Willoughby, chief of General MacArthur's G-2 Section.

Allied officials made it clear they will not tolerate any trouble from the Communists. Tomorrow will amount to a showdown between the Reds and General MacArthur.—Reuters and United Press.

MOSCOW RADIO ON CHIANG'S VOW

London, June 2.
Moscow radio said last night Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would have good reason to commit suicide to avoid being "hanged as a war criminal."

The broadcast made this comment on the recent statement by the Nationalist Chinese leader that he has sworn either to defend Taiwan and the mainland or to commit suicide. It was broadcast by the Soviet radio.

Another British ship, which entered Shanghai two days after the Mausang, is due to leave that port today. She is the ss. Taiman of Butterfield and Swire Ltd., a 3,000-ton ship.

An official of Jardine, Matheson's said yesterday that they would give information today or the company's plans to send more ships to Shanghai.

It is understood that the Mausang is returning to Hong Kong with an almost full cargo. Other Hong Kong shipping companies are arranging import permits to Shanghai, though some have stated that the cargo rates are much more "uninteresting" than they were six months ago, when the Nationalist navy was effectively blockading the port.

American view

An American official said that the Shanghai-imposed cargo rates did not make it worthwhile to send large merchant ships into the port, though many smaller British ships would be able to make a profit with Shanghai trade.

He added: "The principal reason for the low cargo rates on Shanghai trade, though Shanghai needs a tremendous amount of Hong Kong cargo, is that there are so many idle ships now in Hong Kong that the Communists know they need not offer unusually high rates to get ships into their port."

Because of this, we are not interested in sending any ships to Shanghai at the present time," he said.

Shipping companies still continued to shy away from sending steamers into Canton.

Still highest rates

One British official said that they had reports that though the Nationalists had evacuated the Wan Shan Islands—main Canton blockade base—Nationalist warships were still standing off the Pearl River estuary, making the area unsafe for shipping.

Canton hull and cargo rates are still the highest of any Chinese port, hovering around nine per cent.

Cargo rates to South China ports are three per cent, and are less than one per cent to North China ports.

Successful operations for heart disease in UK

London, June 1.
Three doctors last night reported that successful operations for an adult heart disease are being carried out at Guy's Hospital in London—the first in the history of surgery.

Three doctors, from the Cardiac Department and Thoracic Surgical units of the hospital, reported in the "British Medical Journal" that seven successful operations out of 10 were performed on mitral stenosis (valvular disease of the heart).

Mitral stenosis accounts for about 10 per cent of all cases of organic heart disease.

One of the doctors, 45-year-old Russell C. Brock, has been to the United States to show leading American surgeons how the operation is performed.

He was the first man in medical history to operate inside the heart. This was at Guy's Hospital, in June, 1948, when he cured an 11-year-old "blue baby" girl.

His colleagues, reporting on their latest discoveries to the "British Medical Journal" are Dr. Maurice Campbell, 56-year-old head of Guy's Hospital's Heart Section, and Dr. Charles Baker, Assistant Physician at the hospital.

With the news of the successful London operations, Britain is now leading the world in cardiac surgery.

Among the cases reported by the three doctors were these:

Operation No. 1—A girl of 23, for years had not been able to walk more than 100 yards. Five weeks after leaving hospital she was able to go up and down two flights of stairs without distress.

Two weeks after leaving hospital she could walk half a mile, climb stairs and run in the house.

Twenty months later she could walk three miles. Her weight had increased 14 pounds and she is now leading a normal life at home.

Operation No. 2—A 50-year-old woman, who had been unable to

Chater Collection displayed



Mr. Austin Coates holding one of the items in the Chater Collection displayed at the Colonial Secretariat yesterday. The painting shows the old British factory at Canton. ("China Mail" Photo).

Paintings buried in grounds of Government House; three who knew the secret are now dead

Twenty-five of George Chinnery's pictures, valued at more than £3,000, are buried somewhere in the grounds of Government House, Hong Kong—exactly where no living mortal knows, for the hiding-place was known to only three persons, all of whom have since died with their lips sealed.

Hiding the treasured pictures to prevent their falling into the hands of looters when the Japanese attacked Hong Kong in December 1941 was almost a State secret.

Out of some 1,000 pictures from the Chater Collection, these 25 works of Chinnery were considered to be the gems, and it was decided that they must be preserved.

With the approval of the then Governor, Sir Mark Young, his aide-de-camp, Captain Batty Smith sought the help of Mr. A. Von Kobza, an art photographer, and Mr. Harmon of the Public Works Department, and together they decided upon a scheme of burying the collection in a chest in the grounds of Government House.

Exactly how the burial was effected no one now knows. The three people who undertook the mission were the only ones who knew where the hiding place was, and they swore that it would remain a secret until the war was over, when the treasure would be retrieved for the Hong Kong Government.

Unfortunately, one by one these men died, each believing the secret to be safe with his survivors.

Takes secret to grave.
The last of the three to die was Mr. von Kobza, and the irony of it was that the war had just ended. At his death-bed his trusted assistant, Mr. Fung Ming, now in the "China Mail" photographic department, asked him where the hiding place was; but Mr. von Kobza, true to his vow, declined to reveal it to any other than the British Government. And so when he died the secret of the hiding-place died with him.

Every attempt has been made since the reoccupation of the Colony to trace the missing collection, but without success. Not even the servants of Government House knew of the burial.

The only way to retrieve the treasured pictures will be to tear up the grounds of Government House, perhaps right under Government House itself, which is regarded as too stupendous a task at the present time, and not justified.

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London strikes threaten food cargoes

London, June 2.
Strikes by Thames bargemen and railway workers today threatened food cargoes in the port of London and a complete paralysis on movement of goods to the continent.

More than 650 lightermen who man river barges are on strike because 91 bargemen had been sacked after striking in sympathy with 14 men suspended for refusing to work overtime.

Along the river, fears were expressed that the lightermen's dispute might herald another widespread stoppage in the port, where a Government-appointed mission has only just begun an investigation into the big dockers' strikes of last summer and earlier this year.

South of the river at one of London's biggest rail depots, the Bricklayers Arms, 250 cartage workers this morning decided to continue their 48-hour-old strike in protest against the promotion of a foreman to an inspector and to call on 1,750 other workers to support them.

The depot is the main rail centre from which goods are sent to the continent, and the three Southern counties of Kent, Sussex and Hampshire.—Reuters.

GENERAL SMUTS
Pretoria, June 2.
General Smuts, ill with pneumonia, was reported today to have had a better night.

An official bulletin issued at noon said, however, that his condition is "unchanged"—Reuters.

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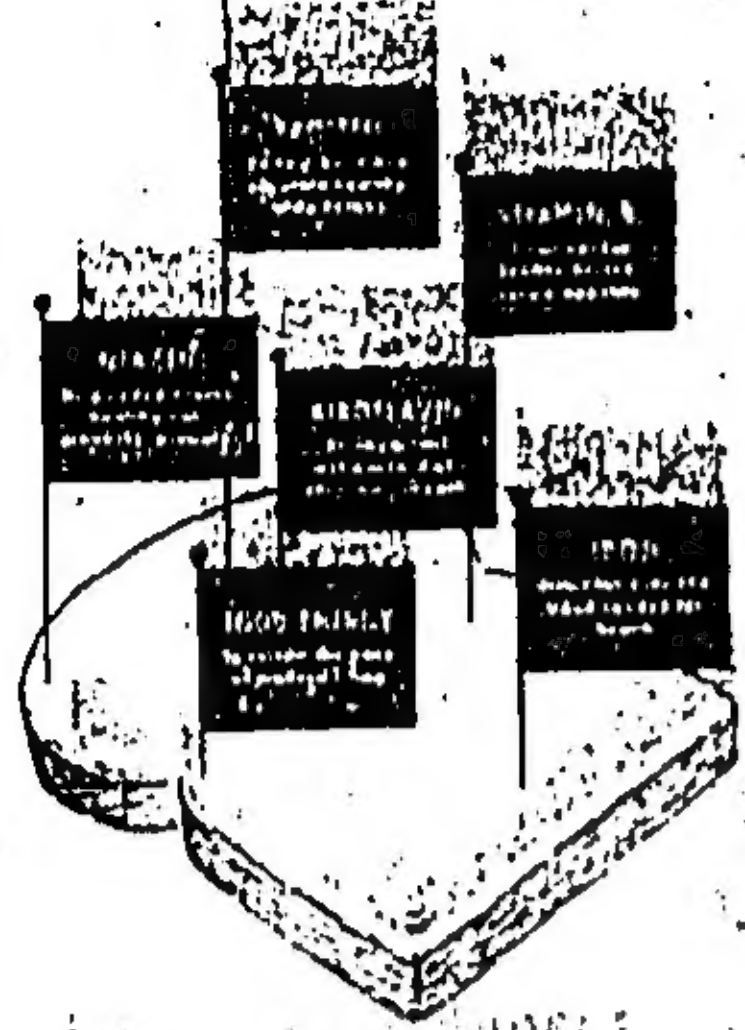


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JAPAN'S FIRST MIKADO WAS A SHANTUNG MAN

Jet planes on Taiwan?

Nationalist air strength on Taiwan island has been reinforced by more than 100 jet-propelled planes and modern bombers, said the Independent vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po" yesterday in a special report.

Campaign for City Hall in HK

Hong Kong should and must have a city hall as soon as possible. That was the decision reached at a committee meeting of the Sino-British Club.

A sub-committee of the Club has been appointed to initiate a campaign which will lead, it is hoped, to the erection of a fine new city hall in a central location.

The members of the sub-committee are Mr. E. W. Paine (Chairman), Dr. S. M. Bard, Mr. G. B. Endicott, Mrs. R. Kirby, Professor Ma Kiam, Dr. F. I. Tseung and Mr. A. M. Bragg (Secretary).

This sub-committee considers that an approach should be made to Government by a large committee representing interested bodies from all sections of the community, requesting that funds be provided for the building of a city hall.

Accordingly, letters are being addressed to many such bodies inviting them to co-operate with the Sino-British Club in this matter.

The enlarged committee will consider the requirements of the city hall, possible sites, and all other aspects of the matter, and make its recommendations to Government. It is hoped that the formation of the committee will be completed and the first meeting held by the end of this month or early in July.

The Emperor Jimbu, founder of the Japanese Monarchy and the first Mikado, was in reality one Hsu Fu, a Chinese national from the province of Shantung.

This is according to Professor Tingsen S. Wei, who has taught in various Chinese universities for 30 years successively, and who has been studying this problem since 1916.

Professor Wei spoke on his findings at the British Council library yesterday under the auspices of the Sino-British Club, to an audience of interested listeners.

The speaker revealed, as a new discovery important in the democratization of Japan, that the term "Emperor Jimbu" was a posthumous title conferred on Hsu Fu, who conquered Yamato, in the central part of Honshu, and enthroned himself in 202 B.C.

From countless historical and archaeological facts, Professor Wei gave many conclusions, each supported with many indisputable facts.

To quote one of these, the speaker disclosed that the place where Hsu Fu enthroned himself was the same place where Emperor Jimbu established his capital—namely, Yamato. That time Emperor Jimbu began his reign was the same as the time when Hsu Fu enthroned himself—202 B.C.

Made in China
Of the three souvenirs of the Emperor Jimbu used as tokens of the right to succession to the Imperial Throne, two are found to

Mount Davis refugee camps to be cleared

The refugee camps on Mount Davis, which are housing more than 3,000 people, mostly destitute and disabled Nationalist soldiers from China, will be cleared after the middle of this month.

Plans have been made for their removal to the new site earmarked for them at Junk Bay.

The Tung Wah Hospital, which has been looking after these unfortunate for more than half a year, have made arrangement for special ferry boats of the Hong Kong and Yau-mai Ferry Company to take the refugees and their belongings to their new home on June 15 and 16.

The transfer has been planned in collaboration with Government, and it is understood that after the removal responsibility for the care of these refugees will be shared by the Government Social Welfare Office.

Military request
Though it could not be confirmed, it was reported that the removal of the camps from Mount Davis was the result of representations from the Military Authorities who claimed that the occupation was without their authority and that they want the land back for putting up buildings of their own.

The refugee problem came to head early in the year when disabled Nationalist soldiers poured into the Colony, and the Tung Wah Hospital, unable to find accommodation for them in the limited space of the Hospital compound, shifted them to Mount Davis.

At the peak period there were as many as 8,000 to 9,000, but with repatriation from time to time of groups to China, the position has eased.

The present number of more than 3,000 is still a huge problem, and according to the Hospital authorities there is little likelihood of this number being reduced until conditions in China improve.

The Pan American World Airways will start a new flight from Tokyo to Hong Kong today.

A plane will arrive here from the Japanese capital at about 11 a.m. today.

She will return to Japan at about 2 p.m.

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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for opinions expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

BATHING BEACH INCIDENT

Sir—May I take a little of your valuable space to correct a somewhat garbled report which appeared in your Correspondence Column of today. Produced by a character signing himself "Free French," it purported to be an account of an incident on a local bathing beach, involving a party of soldiers and three girls in a rowing boat.

So intent is "Free French" upon representing the soldiers as dyed-in-the-wool scoundrels that he can find no time or inclination to make his account complete, apparently from a desire to exaggerate the soldier's behaviour. The detail which he so studiously avoided concerns the behaviour of the girls. With tear-jerking intensity "Free French" tells us that the girls asked the soldiers "certainly" to go away. What he chooses not to mention is the fact that in order to emphasise this point, the girls, and about them, with an air of some effect, only then was the boat overturned. I do not seek to condone the soldier's behaviour, but would remark that an onerous burden is not an incentive towards peace among men.

"Free French" concludes his harangue with the alarming allegation that the British soldier in the Colony is noted for his bad behaviour. I contest this most strongly, not as an exaggeration but as a gross misstatement. It is true that, as in all communities, civil and military, there is a very small irresponsible element, but this fact does not permit "Free French" or anyone else to condemn the entire Army or being badly behaved. It is a righteous and judicious, severe and fair judgment upon the many by the conduct of the few, which is, in my opinion, unjust.

While I applaud "Free French" for his show of public spirit, I would nevertheless suggest that he make some effort to present his case accurately, and that he be only upon the parties responsible, without attempting to embrace an entire community.

Yours truly,
P. D. G.

Junk owners fined on arms charge

Two junk owners and a woman received fines and prison terms from Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when they pleaded guilty through counsel, Mr. J. C. Stewart, to charges of possession of arms and ammunition and dangerous goods.

Shun Kin-lai, 14th dealer of household No. 68L, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour for the possession of a carbine, two magazines and 27 rounds of ammunition, while Young Yung, mistress of junk E27HS, on the same charge, was fined \$1,000 or six months.

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Armed robber sentenced for raid on general's house

One of the three armed robbers who raided the residence of a former Nationalist Army general, but who was overpowered by his victim, was yesterday given seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes.

In passing sentence, Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, took into consideration the fact that Wong Pui, the prisoner, might have been to some degree threatened by the other raiders into joining the band.

At the Criminal Sessions, the all-men jury found Wong unanimously guilty of robbery with aggravation after deliberating for less than 15 minutes.

They acquitted the prisoner on the charge of wounding, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, but convicted him of unlawful wounding.

Wong, who was not legally represented, took part on February 1 with two others in a robbery at 404 Jaffe Road, second floor, the residence of Li Kwok-chuen, the former Chinese general.

Li, described by the prosecution as a man of means, had a suitcase containing HK\$50,000, US\$1,000, \$900 Taiwan currency, 100 silver coins, two shirts and second floor, the residence of Li Kwok-chuen, the former Chinese general.

As an alternative to the count of robbery, the accused was charged with the offence of larceny in a dwelling.

About 1 p.m. on the day in question, the complainant, who was at the time in his bedroom, heard sounds coming from the living room which was supposed to have been empty. Upon investigation, three men armed with revolvers and daggers were discovered.

Dagger slash
The intruders proceeded to tie up Li's family and complainant himself was threatened with a dagger held by the accused. On being roughly handled, Li protested. The accused slashed the dagger across Li's forehead as a reply.

The co-general was then tied up and made to lie on his own bed. Eventually, however, he managed to set himself free while the robbers were out of the bedroom. Li jumped on the accused, touching him with the dagger, in the course of which the other robbers got away.

During the struggle, Li grabbed hold of a chopper in the kitchen, and made use of it on Wong, who was finally subdued with the assistance of the other members of Li's family. Both men sustained wounds and were taken to the hospital.

33A As a defence, the accused maintained that he was threatened into joining the robbers. He claimed he was not the one that had slashed Li with the dagger in the beginning, nor did he carry any weapon when he entered the premises.

The prosecution was Mr. J. H. Ho, Crown Counsel, who was assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Scraggs.

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2. It is proposed to hold a general meeting of all those interested, at 5.45 p.m. on June 5, in the Hong Kong Defence Force Drill Shed on Murray Parade Ground.

3. It is hoped that everybody who is interested will make an effort to attend. Brigadier Coad, DSO, has kindly consented to open the meeting.

NATURALISATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Shiu Kee Loong, of 89 Bonham Road Hong Kong is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

WAH YAN COLLEGE S. J.

AFTERNOON SCHOOL

There are still a limited number of vacancies for Class 8 in the above school, for the term beginning September 1950.

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This was done before the Appeal Court during an appeal against a Tenancy Tribunal decision which held that Mrs. Marion Ramsey was not so entitled to the premises.

Lecture on plastics

The scientific background of the thousand and one plastic gadgets which are in daily use today will be explained by Professor J. E. Driver, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Hong Kong, by a short lecture preceding a film on the subject in the British Council Library next Wednesday.

Another film dealing with Applied Science is one entitled "Colour" which describes the production of dyes.

Both films were to be shown on June 8 but owing to the public holiday on that day, the date has been brought forward to the preceding day, Wednesday.

Professor Driver, who came to Hong Kong to take up the Chair of Chemistry last October, had had a distinguished career in his special subject, having been the Editor of the Chemical Journal in recent years.

He will be able to give a description of the techniques described in the film in terms not too technical for the lay public.

There is no charge for admission to this lecture and film show, but owing to limited accommodation, admission is by ticket which may be obtained on application to the British Council.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE No. 14 OF 1950.

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS

It is hereby notified that Monday and Tuesday 20th/30th May, 1950 have been declared Weather-non-working Days.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Office, Hong Kong.

June 1, 1950.

PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATION ORDINANCE OF 1919 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of TONG KONG FONG, the owner of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 68 and Kowloon Inland Lot No. 781, Section "A", situate between Nam Tao Street and Nelson Street, Kowloon, of his intention to erect on the said Site and to open for public entertainment a Cinema.

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PI adviser leaves for ILO conference

Mr. Jose Hernandez, Adviser to the Philippine delegation to the 33rd session of the International Labour Conference, passed through here on his way to Geneva yesterday.

Mr. Hernandez who is also the National Secretary of the PI National Labour Union, said that the PI delegation to the ILO conference, to be held in Geneva between June 7 and July 1, will leave for Geneva from Manila some time today.

There will be altogether 10 members in the delegation with Judge Juan L. Lanting, Associate Judge of the PI Industrial Relations Court, Manila, as the chief delegate.

Among the members, three will represent PI employers, three will represent PI labour, and three will represent PI Government.

Mr. Hernandez disclosed that some of the topics to be discussed in the forthcoming conference will be connected with wages and industrial relations.

Mr. Hernandez is travelling by the Pan American Airways.

He said that the PI Labour Union is at present boycotting the well-known Soriano enterprises which are opposed to the PI Labour Union.

Mr. Hernandez left on a PAA Clipper at about 3 p.m.

Leung Chan-luk and four other junk owners were charged before Mr. Kell at the Marine Court for tying alongside the S. Euphrosyne while she was still under way in the harbour at 3.50 p.m. on Thursday. All five defendants pleaded not guilty and said that the vessel had already moved before they had tied up alongside the S. Euphrosyne. They were remanded till today.

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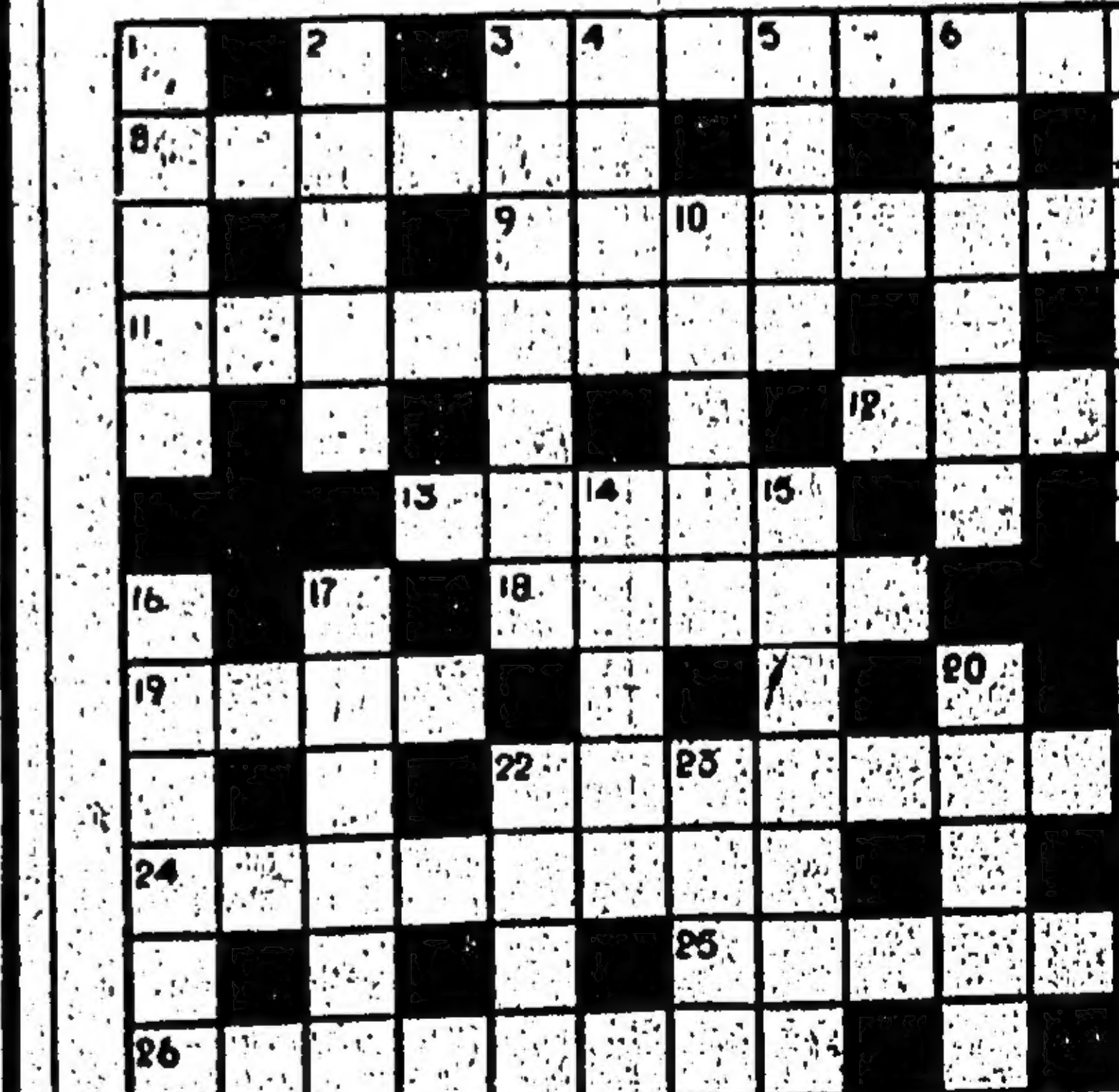
partners got into a discussion afterward, South not agreeing that North should have bid 4-Clubs on his second turn and North insisting that he had no choice. A kibitzer was asked his opinion, and he agreed with North that 4-Clubs was not a strength-ference between South's two suits which had been forced out of him by the bidding. He maintained that a 3-No Trump call by North would have shown stopper strength of some kind in both the unbid diamonds and spades.

With that more preference by North—who should have bid 5-Clubs if he held something like five cards in the suit and a heart doubleton, or perhaps four clubs and a singleton—South either should have apologetically passed after being the two-bidder, or else consciously risked an over-bid of a mere 5-Clubs.

Better bidding, however, since South's game choice was between hearts and No Trumps, would have been for South on his second turn to merely bid 3-No Trumps, never showing his clubs. In that contract, North could have taken three tricks in each minor, two in hearts, and one in spades after the meanness of all opening leads, a spade.

Your Week-End Question
When usually is the best stage, during the play of a hand, for the declarer to make a manoeuvre which depends for its success on luring a particular mistake from the defence?

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22 Trite
23 Disarray
24 Bloom
25 Boon
26 Uncover
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4 Common
5 State of mind
6 Dolly
7 Plot
8 Affray
9 Glass vessel
10 Ambassa-dors
11 Opening move
12 Weakness
13 Dishonour
14 Place of imprisonment
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ROLE OF JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY

(Editor's note: With the cold war growing hotter in the Far East, the role of the Communist Party in Japan is of great interest. Japan is an anchor in the American Far East defence line. This is the second in a series of five articles on what is happening in Japan under General MacArthur.)

Tokyo, June 2.

The Japanese Communist Party, which never held legal status until the occupation freed its leaders after 18 years of imprisonment, is prepared once more to go underground.

Impatient with its slow progress at the polls, the Communist Party last January ordered it to get tough, even if it meant political harakiri. Early in May, General MacArthur called the Party "a Japanese pawn in alien power policy" and suggested constitutional reasons for the Japanese Government to outlaw it.

While the Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida, an avowed anti-Red, hesitates before taking the plunge, Japan's Communists point to General MacArthur's statement as proof of their importance, and are making ready to carry on illegally the job the Kremlin has assigned them. That job, in essence, is to deny the United States post-treaty

bases in Japan from which long-range bombers can dominate most of East Asia and reach the Soviet's industrial centres behind the Urals.

General MacArthur has stated that the question of post-treaty bases is up to the Japanese people—after the treaty. The State Department is reported to agree with him. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, however, are believed to incline toward stipulating bases in the treaty.

The Communists are doing everything within the law—and many things outside it—to arouse the people against U.S. bases. The official organ Red Flag constantly denounces Mr. Yoshida as a "warmonger"—carefully avoiding naming the United States as his "foreign imperialist master." It charges that Japanese factories are being converted into war plants but does not say by whom. And it carries daily stories criticising the behaviour of American troops.

RAAF AID FOR MALAYA

Canberra, June 1.

The air force squadron which Australia is sending to Malaya towards the end of June will be drawn from a Royal Australian Air Force wing which provided crews for the Berlin airlift, it was disclosed here tonight.

The Air Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, said that the wing—No. 88—was highly experienced in transport work. It had operated aircraft on the Australia-Japan courier route for more than two years after the war. It had also met aircraft transport requirements for the three fighting Services in Australia and the islands in the North. The crews were experienced in tropical flying conditions, he added.

The squadron would comprise 168 air crew and ground staff. On arrival in Malaya it would operate under the Royal Air Force Commander-in-Chief, Far Eastern Command, Air Vice-Marshal Francis J. Fogarty.

Air Vice-Marshal John P. McCauley, Commanding RAAF Eastern Area, in Australia, and Wing-Commander John Fullerton Lush, who will command the Australian squadron in Singapore, are due to leave for Singapore tomorrow to confer with the RAAF Commander.

Mr. Casey said that the RAAF wing from which the squadron was being drawn had an enviable safety record, having over 7,000,000 miles in varying climatic conditions without a fatality, and with only two major accidents.

The crews would have to familiarise themselves with new terrain and existing conditions in Malaya.

"That they have done this so well on past occasions is ample proof that the squadron will settle down quickly to their new task," he added.—Reuter.

Rumour-mongers

In doing so, the paper uses a special technique to keep from violating Occupation directives. It describes the GIs, who are variously accused of swiping red flags to wipe their shoes or attacking Japanese women, as "big men" and jeeps as "little cars."

Individual party members are not so careful. Army provost courts have sentenced more than a dozen to jail terms up to five years for spreading fantastic stories of mass rape and wholesale looting by American soldiers, the exporting of Japanese rice in exchange for wormy Army surplus food, and the like.

Communist student demonstrations have shouted down addresses by an occupation education official advocating dismissal of Red teachers from universities. How strong are the Communists—and what are their chances of coming to power?

Few prophets are as pessimistic as one of Mr. Yoshida's Cabinet Ministers, who predicted: "As soon as the Americans leave, the Communists will take over—there is no doubt about it."

General MacArthur, conceding that the Communists initially received some public support, says they have now degenerated into a "shattered remnant."

Trade unions

Although they claim only 95,000 members, the Communists polled nearly 3,000,000 votes and won 36 seats out of 406 in the Japanese 1946 House of Representatives election. About half of the Red ballots were considered protest votes against corruption in the other major parties. Later in the year, the Communists won less than one per cent of the places in the land commission elections.

Due to a campaign of labour violence last year that failed to win Red influence in the trade union movement has also waned. Membership in the Communist-dominated National Confederation of Industrial Unions declined from a 1947 peak of 1,200,000 to 300,000. Moderate or right wing

unions claim the rest of Japan's 6,700,000 organised labourers, although there may be many Communists among them.

On the other hand, the party picked up sympathisers among shopkeepers, intellectuals, students and even small businessmen who resent the big business policies of the Yoshida Government and American-imposed high taxes.

These are the issues on which the Japanese Communist leaders hope to win the Japanese people legally or otherwise.

Bases issue

1. Bases:—Many Japanese are afraid that American military bases will drag Japan into World War III—with no guarantee that the U.S. would defend the country if the going got rough. General Omar Bradley and the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, will confer with General MacArthur on this point in June.

2. Labour:—Although the Communists have lost ground, they are banking on the occupation's wage-freeze and anti-strike policy to create labour unrest. About one-third of Japan's organised labour is classified as civil servants and forbidden by law to strike.

3. China:—Victory by the Chinese Communists is being publicised as an American defeat and the shape of things to come for the rest of Asia. Businessmen are told that a Communist Japan will be in a better position to trade with Japan's former market than a nation tied to America.

4. Nationalism:—The Communists, fighting foreign investments, have adopted the "nationalism" that was once the property of Japan's linguists and are appealing for "racial independence."

The other side

Factors against a Communist success are:

1. Japan's traditional conservatism, and an anti-Russianism that dates back to the war of 1904. The Japanese think the Russians got too much Japanese loot in Manchuria for the eight days in the war.

2. The occupation's information and education programme, economic help and General MacArthur's personality.

3. The failure of the Soviet to repatriate 300,000 prisoners of war, who the Japanese Government and the United States claim must be dead, or still in Soviet hands.

4. The charge, made by recent repatriates before the Diet, that Kyuichi Tokuda, Secretary General of the Communist Party, personally asked the Russians to delay repatriation until the prisoners had been Communised.

5. The Russian and Japan Communist position that the Emperor is a war criminal and should stand trial. Hirohito at present is enjoying a post-war popularity boom reminiscent of the old days when he claimed he was divine.—United Press.

Hush-hush Ottawa talks

Ottawa, June 1.
Senior British, Canadian and American defence experts were closed here today in a super-secret conference. The meeting was so hush-hush that no country would confirm it was taking place.

Informed sources said the experts were discussing the performance of Army equipment used during the Arctic manoeuvres last winter. One of those attending was Sir Hubert Wilkins, world famous Arctic and Antarctic explorer.—United Press.

INDIAN FEAR OF AMERICA

New York, June 1.

There is in India at the present time a certain psychological resistance or sense of suspicion and fear towards America, Mrs. Dorothy Norman, a member of the Executive Committee of the India League of America, told a meeting of Americans and Indians here last night.

She spoke at the Wilkie Memorial Hall and gave impressions of a recent three-month visit to India during part of which she was the guest of the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mrs. Norman said that the inhibition she referred to took different forms among educated Indians and could be attributed to the country's reaction to anything reminding her of foreign domination but it could not, in her opinion, be described as an anti-American feeling.

The more educated the people, the more critical they were of American ways, Mrs. Norman said. "Yet they go to American films in enormous numbers."

Indians were firm in their stand that they did not want something for nothing. They were cautious about external aid because of a fear of strings attached.

The speaker did not think this arose out of a sense of false pride but because of a sincere adherence to a policy of neutrality. Mrs. Norman felt that in such a situation it was for America to take the initiative so that India's needs as well as her susceptibilities could be served.—Reuter.

RECORD BIRTH

Moscow, June 1.
The newspaper "Evening Moscow" today reported the birth of a baby weighing eight kilograms or 17.6 pounds, beating all previously-reported records.

The mother, Alexandra Gollubova, a member of a collective farm in the Tula district some 60 miles South of Moscow, was reported to be doing well. The child's size was said to be 61 centimetres or 24 inches and it was reported healthy and under the care of a children's specialist. The sex was not specified.—United Press.

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U.S. ARMS AID FOR EUROPE

Truman asks Congress for immediate funds

SURVIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

Washington, June 1

President Truman today asked Congress to provide \$1,222,500,000 for a second year of the arms aid programme.

He said: "Delay in supplying the money might strike a fatal blow at all our efforts to create the kind of peace which the free world seeks, and would lessen our chances of continuing to live and work in freedom."

The fund would finance arms shipments to more than a dozen foreign nations, including Atlantic Pact allies, during the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

The \$1,222,500,000 requested by Mr. Truman is slightly less than the \$1,314,010,000 which Congress appropriated last year to help 13 nations rearm against Communism.

Mr. Truman made the request in his first semi-annual report to Congress on the handling of the first year's programme, which began last autumn.

Backing up his request, Mr. Truman said: "The momentum already gained must, under no circumstances, be lost, because, once lost, it is doubtful that it can ever be recaptured at any cost."

The President gave this breakdown as to how the money would be spent:

North Atlantic Treaty nations—\$1,000,000,000. This would go for weapons and a training programme and would include \$75,000,000 for raw materials and machinery needed to boost military production in Western Europe.

China area

General area of China—\$75,000,000. The President said that this money was needed to continue and expand upon present programmes for helping the non-Communist forces in this area that are now engaged or are in danger of being engaged in active conflict with militant Communist elements.

The President did not specify the exact number of countries which would share in the American arms aid programme.

Greece and Turkey—\$120,000,000 to furnish basic capital equipment and spare parts and help to modernise their defences. Persia, the Philippines and Korea—\$27,500,000. The report said that this would pay for equipment and training to help the Persian army present a firm stand in defence of independence against strong Soviet pressures and help the Philippine and South Korean Governments to maintain internal order in the face of Communist threats.

Mr. Truman also asked for some form of limited authority in the event of an emergency, to divert a small portion of money earmarked for any specific area.

Emergency may well arise

He declared, "With the continuation of Soviet probing for weak spots in the security structure of the free world, emergency situations of this character may well arise and require prompt and positive action by the United States."

Council hears the outgoing President's report on the internationalization of Jerusalem. Then, at the request of Iraq, it will turn to other subjects on the agenda for about a week before debating the problem of Jerusalem.—United Press.



MR. TRUMAN

He urged Congress to change present laws to make it possible to sell American arms under appropriate safeguards to nations not covered specifically in the present legislation.

He had in mind nations whose increased ability to defend themselves against aggression is important to the security of the United States.

At the same time the President sought authority to charge such countries less-than-prices cost for used, deteriorated or obsolete equipment, asserting that the price should be the present fair value.

He also asked Congress to let these nations buy American arms on an instalment plan instead of paying the full price in advance as required now.

Grim struggle

The President told Congress that the ability of democracy to survive now depends upon the ability of democracy to defend itself.

"The Soviet Union has dedicated itself to the destruction of democracy and everything it represents, and is waging a grim struggle to make the entire free world slaves."

"No nation can be neutral, for a serious outbreak anywhere on earth inevitably affects everyone. Consequently, the task of increasing the ability of free nations to defend themselves is a matter of vital and mutual interest to all freedom-loving people."

AURIEL TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Washington, June 1. President Auriol of France will visit the United States next March, the White House announced today.

It said that the President and Madame Auriol are expected to come to the United States for a State visit in the second half of March, 1951.—Reuters.



Wearing the uniform of Commodore of Sea Rangers Princess Margaret is seen as she arrived at Waterloo Station on her way to Portsmouth to visit the "Foudroyant" (late Implacable), last of the Royal Navy's sailing frigates. The "Foudroyant" Committee, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, hopes to raise £60,000 to restore the wooden vessel, built in Bombay in 1817, and to endow holiday training courses on board for boys and girls. (AP Photo).

Another Russian walk-out at the United Nations

Lake Success, June 1.

Russia walked out of the United Nations Trusteeship Council today after being overwhelmingly defeated in its latest attempt to expel the Chinese Nationalist delegation.

Alexander Soldatov, third-ranking member of the Soviet delegation, walked out after the Council had voted nine to one against his motion to exclude the Nationalist delegate, S.S. Liu.

As he left the building, he told photographers: "I hope you will take as many pictures when I return." But there was no concrete evidence to indicate the early expulsion of the Nationalists and the return of the Soviets.

In the vote—closely watched after Thyge Lie's mission to the world's four major capitals in an effort to end the United Nations impasse concerning Chinese representation—Britain and Argentina abstained. Russia cast the sole vote to eject the Nationalist to the United States, France, China, New Zealand, Australia, Iraq, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic and Belgium voted against the Russian motion.

Mr. Soldatov offered his motion as soon as the outgoing President, Roger Carreau of France, opened the meeting. Mr. Soldatov said Russia could not participate in

Council sessions so long as the representative of the "Kuomintang group" was recognised as one of its members.

Replying immediately, Mr. Liu said no challenge to the Nationalist winter session in Geneva, which the Russians had boycotted without even sending a representative. He referred to Mao Tse-tung's Peking Government as a "bogus puppet regime which today is resolutely opposed by the Chinese people."

No effect on decisions
As Mr. Soldatov walked out of the chamber, Francis Sayre (United States) told the Council: "Neither this Council nor other United Nations organisations and agencies can for one moment agree to the doctrine that the willful absence of a single member can have any effect whatever upon the validity of decisions taken."

"The very kernel of democracy is acceptance by all of the will of the majority, under a system which protects the rights of the minority."

Mr. Carreau remarked that he considered "indecent" Mr. Soldatov's choice of words in attacking the Chinese Nationalist delegate before the Russian staged the 31st Soviet walk-out from a United Nations body.

After the Russian walk-out, the Council, closed. Dr. Max Henriquez Urzua of the Dominican Republic as President for the current session. Tomorrow the

SALT TAX HALVED IN CHINA

San Francisco, June 1.

The Peking authorities had cut the salt tax by 50 per cent in relation to the industrial and household use of this commodity, a Communist broadcast from the Chinese capital said tonight.

Made by the Committee of Financial and Economic Affairs of the Peking Cabinet, the reduction would bring down the price of salt for everyday use. The cut would also reduce the cost of the manufacture of goods containing salt, the broadcast said.

Merchants who had already paid the tax at the old rate would be refunded, it was added. At the same time, the broadcast reported that since the occupation of Shanghai by the Communists, the city's food supply had been constant and sufficient. It had not been necessary to import any rice contrary to previous practice.

It was further reported that private factories all over China were being helped through a difficult period by big orders now placed with them by State industrial and commercial enterprises.

The broadcast said that many private industries which, until price stabilization, had made their profits out of price fluctuations rather than efficient running of their enterprises had now not been able to operate since immediate price stabilization were now possible from Government authorities.

Through its various branches, the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, one of the largest Government trading agencies, had in April alone received the equivalent of over 1,000,000 orders placed with private

New security measures taken against guerillas in Malaya

Singapore, June 1.

The British War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, winds up his tour of Malaya tomorrow after getting as full as possible a briefing on the anti-guerilla campaign, which was stepped up again today with new security measures.

In the last week Mr. Strachey had seen military groups and their commanders in the States of Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Pahang, Perak, Kedah and Penang, and in each has gone into the position with police, army and civil heads.

The Malayan Federal Government at Kuala Lumpur today issued a statement outlining new measures to suppress the campaign.

It said that operations would be stepped up with the main objective of bringing the guerilla forces to a complete end. It said that the Government would not hesitate to use the full force of the law to suppress the campaign.

strengthened, the statement added. Chinese village guards are being organised and the number of Chinese in the regular police and special constabulary increased.

Other steps will ensure the closest possible liaison between the administration and people.

The statement said that no spectacular results can be expected for the time being but it is hoped that in due course the results will include a much increased flow of information from the law-abiding population.

Two more steps in the anti-guerilla war have become effective today.

The death penalty comes into force for people who collect, store, transport or supply arms, ammunition or explosives to the guerillas.

The results for the last year showed that the number of Chinese in the regular police and special constabulary increased.

the proceeds were finding their way into the hands of guerillas. Maximum prison terms for this offence have now been extended.

Government sources suggested that the Malayan Chinese representation to the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, for a Royal Commission to investigate the Chinese problem in Malaya is without precedent.

However, they said, there is no question of forcing an issue if the Malay rulers decide against such a commission. The issue sprang from a statement made by the public chairman of the Malayan Chinese Association, Tan Siew Ewe, on Tuesday following a closed conference between Mr. Griffiths and a delegation of eight Chinese.

Mr. Tan said 90 per cent of the Chinese in Malaya are outside by reason of the present political situation.

He declared that the Chinese did not want to be subjects of the British Government and suggested that a Royal Commission should be set up to investigate the Chinese problem.

Griffiths, however, said that the Association had no power to make such a suggestion.

European effort to co-operate in trade matters

Paris, June 1

European partners in the Marshall Plan meet on Friday to try to reach closer to the full economic co-operation America has demanded.

Cabinet Ministers from the 17 areas which get Marshall aid are expected to spend most of their one-day meeting talking about the complex European Payments Union (EPU).

This scheme, it is hoped, will put an end to most bilateral dealings and place European trade on a multilateral basis. Also on the agenda is a joint Franco-British proposal resulting from the Foreign Ministers Conference in London three weeks ago to invite the U.S. and Canada to take part in European Marshall Plan meetings.

The Ministers' meeting as the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, also are to discuss possible closer relations with the Council of Europe.

The Committee of Ministers, or Upper House of the Council of Europe, convenes in Paris on Saturday. It is made up of 19 of the nations which also are in the OEEC.

Committees of both have been working off how to get the two bodies more closely together.

The Council of Europe's Committee, made up of Ministers from Turkey, France and Britain, met on Thursday to finish its report on the problem of collaboration.

The OEEC Committee is composed of delegates from Italy, Sweden and Switzerland.

The general atmosphere for Friday's meeting is regarded as more optimistic than at any time in recent months.

W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Marshall Plan Ambassador, is to be at Friday's meeting as an observer.—Associated Press.

EXTENSION OF DRAFT ASKED

Washington, June 1.

The Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, today asked for an extension of peacetime conscription to make it clearly understandable to the world that the U.S. proposes to keep itself strong.

Mr. Johnson told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the 1948 draft law was due to the decisive factors in stopping the spread of Communism in Europe. He added: "The need to make that manifestation of our determination continuously clear."

He asked for a three-year extension of the law, due to die on June 24. The House has voted a two-year extension, with a provision blocking actual inductions until Congress, by joint resolution, declares that an emergency exists. In effect, the bill would provide merely for compulsory registration and classification of males for males from 18 to 24.—United Press.

MARXIST PARTY IN BOMBAY

Bombay, June 1.

The "Forward" and "Workers" Parties, which have representatives in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, have announced today that they have formed a Marxist Party in Bombay.

The party's programme is to bring about a complete reorganisation of the Government and to bring about a complete reorganisation of the Government and to bring about a complete reorganisation of the Government.

Five strikes in London

London, June 1.

Five unofficial strikes, involving a total of 1,000 men, caused costly delays in the docks and the railway, power, and building industries in London today while two-thirds of the city's taxi drivers threatened to strike on Friday.

A walk-out of 200 barge-men, angered by the dismissal of 14 colleagues for refusing to handle export sugar shipments, "ground" the clock, slowed the discharge of cargoes in London.

Five hundred men left their construction jobs at the Festival of Britain site because they feared the two non-union men were working on a tunnel connecting the site with the Waterloo railway station.

Freight piled up at the Bricklayers Arms goods depot where 250 truck drivers and guards struck on grounds that the foreman had less seniority than some of his fellows.—United Press.

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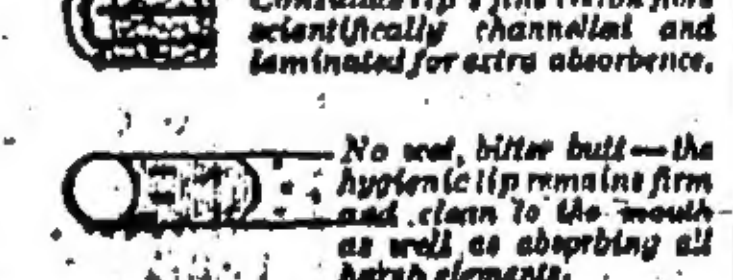
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Canadian motor car production

Canadian motor factories produced 290,634 vehicles last year, including passenger cars and commercial motors, to establish a new production record, according to complete figures just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa.

This was an increase of 10 per cent over the 1948 total of 264,178 vehicles. The previous record was set up in 1941, when 270,191 units were turned out, largely commercial vehicles for war use.

Last year's improvement was almost entirely due to large deliveries of cars, which increased from 166,935 units in 1948 to 192,458 in 1949. The commercial vehicle total increased from 97,243 to 98,176.

Of the total production, 175,647 cars were for sale in Canada and 16,811 were for export. In the case of commercial vehicles, 84,823 were for sale in Canada and 13,353 were for export.

Imports of cars from the United States increased substantially during 1949, although they did not approach the 31,000 British cars sold in Canada during the year.

Canada imported 7,304 U.S. cars and 2,853 commercial vehicles during the year, as against 4,277 cars and 2,853 commercial vehicles during 1948, the official figures show.

At the close of 1949, production showed an upward tendency. December output totalled 25,921 units, as against November's 10,271, but was still well below the 27,305 vehicles turned out in December, 1948.

BRITAIN SETS NEW EXPORT RECORD

London, June 1. Britain has overhauled the American motor car industry and is now the world's biggest exporters of cars and trucks, the Society of Motor Manufacturers announced here today.

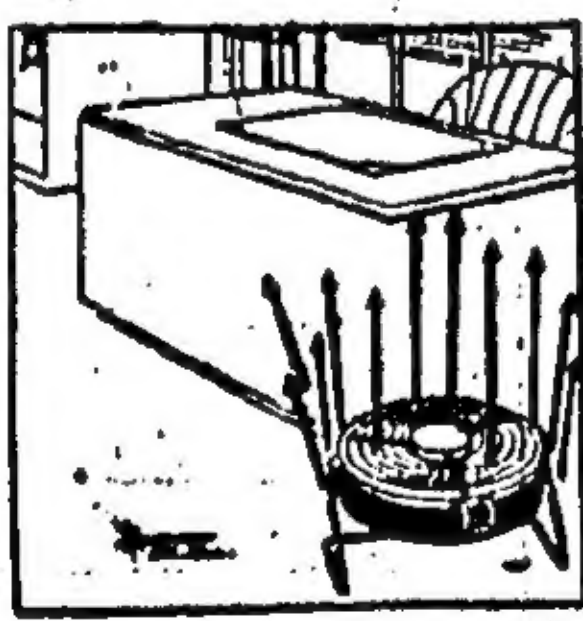
Through the magnificent efforts of the steelmakers, every Government target figure was smashed last year, 258,000 cars and 93,000 trucks being shipped abroad.

And these exports—cars, buses, trucks, tractors, spare parts and accessories—were worth £173,440,553, nearly £27,500,000 more than in 1948—Reuter.

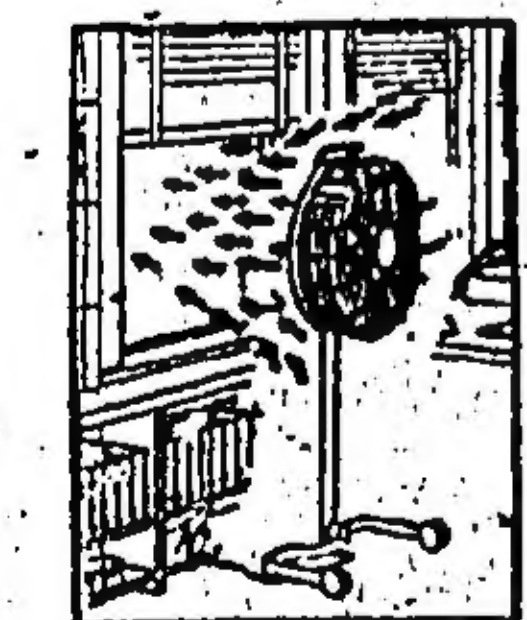
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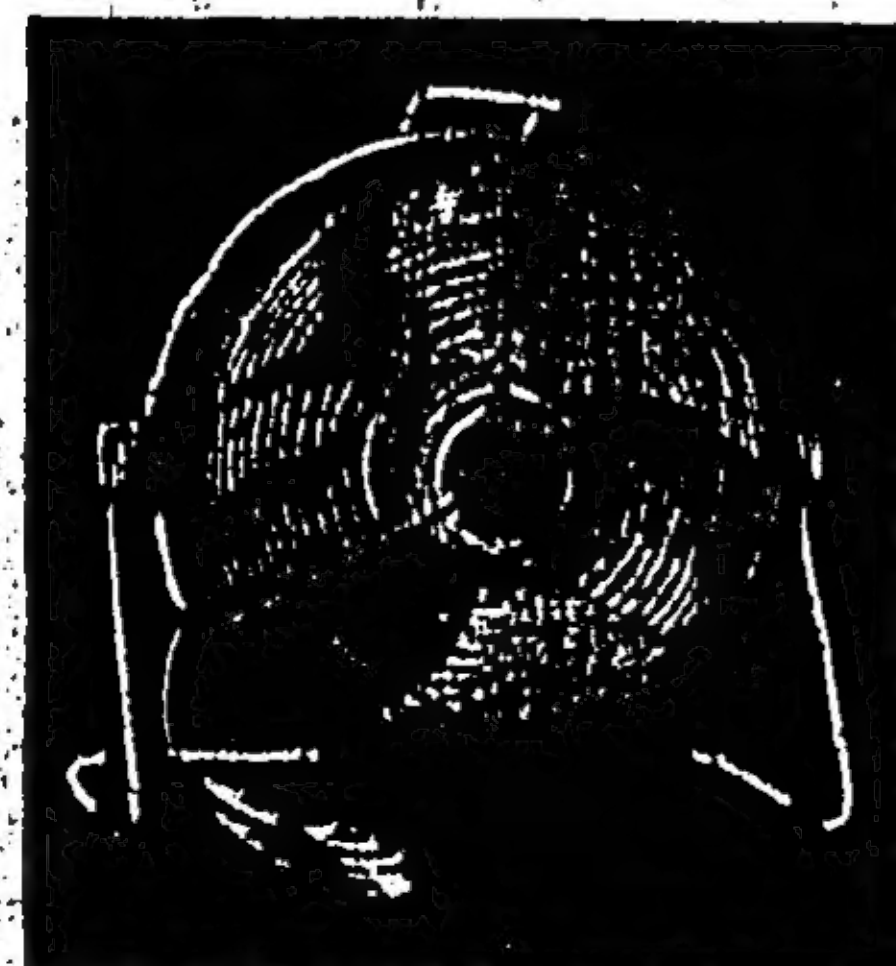


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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS



The new Chevrolet Styling model, which will be on view in the Gloucester Arcade on Monday. The car is comfortable and develops 92 h.p. Its lines are smooth and its appearance follows the general American trend.—"China Mail" photo.

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LESS U.S. CARS FOR BRAZIL

Recently published Brazilian statistics show that current requirements of motor vehicles total from 40,000 to 45,000 units per annum, and it is estimated that 1949 imports totalled about 44,000 units. Of this total 21,000 were passenger cars, the remainder commercial vehicles.

The United States supplied

The latest model of this General Motors Corporation car, which was recently road-tested by the "China Mail," will be on view in the Gloucester Arcade on Monday. The local agents are Far East Motors, Kowloon.

The 1950 Chevrolet available in two styles—the Floetline and the Styleline—is an impressive example of the value for money that can be offered in a full-sized car with a 3½-litre six cylinder engine.

Its appearance is in line with the current American trend, while the performance of the car leaves little to be desired. For those who are sceptical about the comparatively low price of the Chevrolet, let them be reminded that this make is the largest-selling car in the world.

The "Chevy's" 62 b.h.p. engine—smooth and self-erasing—provides ample power even for those motorists who look upon gear-changing as a nuisance. The car negotiates the steep gradients found here with ease and plenty to spare, and drivers who like a fast pick-up in traffic will find the Chevrolet to their liking.

When the gear change is used, the quality of the synchronizers as operated by a conveniently situated steering-column gear lever, is marked. The control is finger-light to move, and gears cannot be clashed, even with a rapid move of the lever.

9,000 passenger cars and 21,500 commercial vehicles, the balance having been imported from Continental suppliers.

Owing to the shortage of U.S. dollars, U.S. passenger cars have lost a considerable part of the local market to European cars.

British cars are reported to be holding the first place with about 70 per cent of the total, followed by French and Italian cars with some 14 per cent each, the balance being made up by Swedish and Czechoslovakian cars.

New Kaiser-Frazer plant in Israel

The Kaiser-Frazer Corporation will open an assembly works in Haifa in August which will turn out 6,000 cars a year, it is stated by Mr. Edgar Kaiser, president of the company.

Basic parts of Kaiser cars will be sent from the United States to Haifa and will be combined with other materials of Israeli manufacture in the final production of cars, he said.

"We want to use all the parts we can possibly buy in Israel," said Mr. Kaiser. "They will be given preference to those from our Willow Run plant. This would provide a great stimulus for subsidiary industry in Israel."

The company, to be known as Kaiser-Frazer of Israel, Ltd., will have a capital of about \$200,000. Some four-fifths of this will be provided by private investors in Israel, and the remainder by the parent company.

This follows the Kaiser policy of holding a minority position in any foreign investment corporation, explained Mr. Kaiser. "I believe this is the biggest U.S. project in Israel," he said. "Most of the cars, which will be standard Kaiser models, will be sold for export to neighbouring countries, such as Turkey and the African nations. They will be sold mostly in the soft-currency countries where

Israel at present obtains her needed commodities." The price of the Israel-assembled cars was not stated, but it is understood that prices will be similar to the U.S. prices. Only about 2,000 of the estimated annual production will be sold in Israel.

"If sales exceed expectations," said a Kaiser-Frazer official, "the plant would expand to meet the new demand and additional models would be introduced."

Mr. Arthur Lourie, the Israeli Consul-General in New York, stated that the new assembly works would help Israel to rectify her balance of trade.

"While negotiations are under way with Ford International," he added, "this is the first definite project with such plans. Profits which the Kaiser company may take out of Israel would be limited under the present law to 10 per cent of the original investment annually. Manager of the new factory will be Mr. Robert Rice, previously general services manager in Europe for Kaiser-Frazer, with headquarters in Rotterdam.

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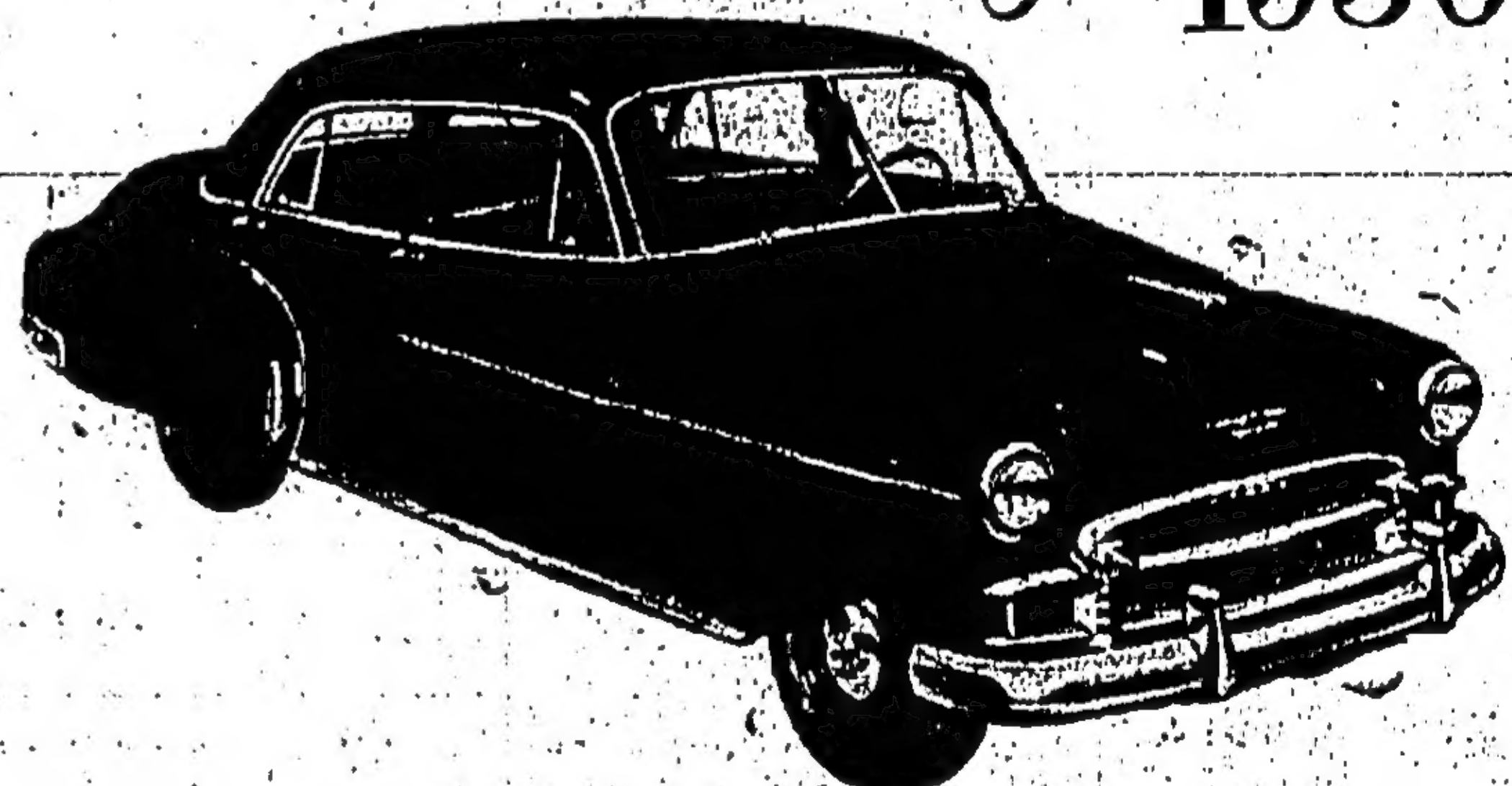
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Paris shocked by British note on steel plan

Paris, June 1. France tonight replied to a new British note, which was delivered earlier today, on the conditions under which Britain would take part in the proposed negotiations for a European coal and steel pool.

The reply was handed to the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Harvey, by the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, who recently put forward the plan for international control of heavy industry.

Strict reticence was observed at the French Foreign Office about the contents of the British note—which appeared to have caused some consternation here.

In a first note on May 27, the British Government suggested that Britain should attend any international conference on the Schuman Plan without committing herself to participation in the plan before being thoroughly informed of its implications.

A French note of May 30 said that a conference should not be held without a preliminary agreement on the basic objectives—the creation of a high international authority for European coal and steel.

Tonight's reply climaxed a day of intense top-level activity in Paris. At 9.00 a.m. today, Sir Oliver Harvey arrived at the French Foreign Office.

The British reply, it is learned from usually reliable sources, left the British Government's position unchanged. It insisted again that the British Government was anxious to participate in the negotiations, but that it could undertake no prior commitments and that it wanted its special position recognised.

Last note?

A joint communiqué, which it is planned to issue shortly in the name of the French, Belgian, Dutch, Italian, Luxembourg, West German and British Governments (if the last mentioned agrees) would define the aims of the negotiations and would include among those aims the constitution of a high authority and giving independent powers to be defined in the treaties and subject to ratification by the respective Parliaments.

It was stated semi-officially tonight that the date for the start of the negotiations would be announced by the French Government very shortly. This was taken by diplomatic observers as an indication that the French Government feels it can now add nothing useful to the original invitation of May 25 and to the explanations it had furnished since.

The latest French note, which may also be the last, is conciliatory in tone but firm in sticking to the French viewpoint. While it insists that all participating Governments must come in on the same terms, it does propose some changes in

the wording of the joint communiqué to be issued in the name of the participating Governments before the negotiations open.

These changes, it is hoped here, will meet Britain's objections to "prior commitments."

Bonn statement

Five other nations—Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy and West Germany—already have accepted French invitations to come to Paris on June 15 to discuss the pooling plan.

Under the scheme, first advanced on May 9 by M. Schuman, France and Germany would pool their coal and steel industries under a common high authority with other nations invited to take part.

The pool authority in charge of the plan would control production, prices, and distribution methods, and would not be answerable to any of the member Governments.

The West German Government is ready to publish its declaration subscribing to the aims of the Schuman Plan for pooling coal and steel output as soon as it is clear what nations are participating in an official spokesman said in Bonn today.

The declaration, which he said had been asked for by the French, would be published simultaneously with the other participants.—Reuter and Associated Press.

MARSHALL ON U.S. AID

Denver, Colorado, June 1. General George Marshall said today that the United States should end the European Recovery Programme in 1952, finish it and stop.

Asked at a news conference here whether economic aid should be continued to Europe in another form after that, General Marshall replied: "I do not know."

"We cannot go on forever bleeding the American economy," he said.

The originator of the Marshall Plan came to Denver to address a Red Cross meeting.—Associated Press.

Republican Senators' dramatic "declaration of conscience"

Washington, June 1. Seven Republican Senators today indirectly accused Senator Joseph McCarthy of exploiting fear, bigotry, ignorance and intolerance in an attempt to win a Republican victory, and demanded a halt to such tactics.

In a dramatic "declaration of conscience" read on the Senate floor by Senator Margaret Chase Smith, the Senators also accused the Administration of contributing to a dangerous situation that struck at the very heart of American freedoms.

By lack of effective leadership and by complacency in face of the Communist threat, they said, the Administration had planted the justifiable suspicion with the public that something was wrong. "Certain elements of the Republican Party have materially

added to this confusion in hopes of riding the Republican Party to victory through selfish political exploitation of fear, bigotry, ignorance and intolerance. "There are enough mistakes of the Democrats for the Republicans to criticize constructively without resorting to political smears."

Senator McCarthy, who had just won a point when Senate investigators decided to question the first of the defendants in the 1948 American "stolen secrets" case next Monday, sat silently as the statement was read. He left the Senate floor at the end of the speech and could not be found by reporters.

While he was not mentioned by name, it was obvious Senator Smith meant Senator McCarthy when she said bitterly that the Senate "has too often been debased to the level of a forum of hate and character assassination, sheltered by the shield of Congressional immunity."

She added: "The nation sorely needs a Republican victory, but I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory on the four horsemen of calumny—fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear."

In addition to Mrs. Smith, the statement was signed by Senators Charles Tobey, George Aiken, Wayne Morse, Irving Ives, Edward Thyne and Robert Hendrickson.

When Senator Smith had finished, Republican Senator Alexander Smith rose to say he agreed wholeheartedly with everything she had said.

Mrs. Smith was given special permission to make the address in order, so that she could prepare for her forthcoming trip to Florence, Italy, where she will represent the United States at the meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.—United Press.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

They pay up; home and away

New York, Tuesday.

Can a man who has to pay 8½d. for a local telephone call, 10d. for a Fifth-avenue bus ride, 1s. for a Sunday newspaper afford to send money to Europe?

Can a suburban secretary whose train fares to and from work cost her two guineas a week, whose food bill is £7 10s. a week, and whose rent is £300 a year afford to contribute to European needs?

President Truman and most of the politicians say Yes. The man and the woman are beginning to say No.

There is distress

I have travelled all over the United States in the past year, seeing how Americans live. Millions live badly. There is the superficial evidence in the high living standards—a car of some sort, a refrigerator, a radio, central heating—but when you dig you find distress.

The New Yorker lives worst of all. In Manhattan there are hundreds of thousands of people with good jobs who live in one room. The best comes out of the wall at night. For these cramped quarters they pay £7-£12 a week.

There are others with really big jobs who would never dream of having a regular servant and think twice about hiring a baby-sitter.

These are the people who finance the Marshall Plan. It is my theory, after several thousand miles of travel in the American Republic, that large numbers of those who receive aid live better than large numbers of those who give aid.

The tip-off is, of course, the new price of local telephone calls here. When it costs 8½d. to ring someone up there is something wrong with the national economy. There is obvious inflation.

It has been all right to charge \$4 (about 30s.) for a steak—only the rich and the fools bought steak—but when you start doubling telephone rates, bus fares, underground railway fares, you are asking for trouble.

The politicians have asked for trouble. My trips have taught me that the Americans are becoming anxious to get the Europeans off their necks and out of their pockets. They think the United States cannot continue contributing indefinitely.

They say it will be beggared and broke if it does. I say let us get out of debt before it costs the Americans 1s. to say "Hello" over the telephone wire and 6d. to walk down Broadway.

My own plan for raising money in this city would be to put a large tax on fine lunacy. The first thing I saw when I got back

to New York from Detroit was an aeroplane smoke-writing in the blue sky the letters "D.O.A." each letter about a mile high.

I said to a policeman: "What does it mean?" The policeman said "D.O.A. stands for dead on arrival—it's used by patrolmen and doctors when they find some guy picked up in an accident or shooting is dead when he reaches the hospital."

I asked: "But why write it in the sky?" The cop said: "Search me."

Later I discovered that the sky-writing is part of a campaign advertising a new film. This I would tax heavily.

Charge it up

But the best method of filling the till would be to charge distinguished visitors for their police escorts. New York would either get a substantial sum of money or peace.

At the moment it is getting neither—only Bedlam. All day and half the night there is a hideous screaming of sirens, a howling clamour, a some top-hatted tripper is escorted from Lake Success to a cocktail party and back again.

Every diplomat from Europe and Asia is given the full treatment, the complete cacophony. The traffic is tied up as the swell sweeps by at 60 m.p.h. in a hurricane of sound.

If these visiting firemen want to travel this way in this car-splitting hullabaloo let them pay for it.

Actually, the motor-cycle outriders could be better employed trying to control the crime wave. I have written about crime in Cleveland and in Detroit, but it is worse here.

Rival teen-age gangs are shooting and knifing each other with such enthusiasm the hospitals are crowded. There is a pitched battle every day and kids who should be in school are being mowed down.

The real menace

The psychiatrists, who always have something to say about everything, declare that the crimes of violence are due to the post-war period of restlessness and insecurity.

Well, bullets may cure restlessness, but they hardly dispense security.

Although the juvenile gang wars are capturing the headlines, the real crime menace is the huge gambling syndicate which has a grip on politics. The boss racketeers, less lurid than the Capones and Dillingers, control a multi-million-dollar business.

In Kansas City alone investigators have found since the assassination of two local gamblers an

illegal gambling ring handling \$34,000,000 per year. City politicians are up to their necks in graft. It is the same in other towns.

The headquarters of the racketeers are New York and Miami, and billions are involved.

Jack Lait, editor of the New York Mirror, an expert, since he graduated from being a crime reporter in Chicago in the front-page days, reveals that Jack "Greasy Thumb" Duzik, a comparatively minor mobster, has \$150,000,000 in currency in Chicago safety deposit vaults.

Mr. Lait says: "Duzik is way down in the hierarchy of the Mafia. The Mafia, or the Unione Siciliana, is the super government of a nationwide and world-wide crime organisation which now has tentacles reaching into the Cabinet and the White House itself, and almost every State capital."

This is Lait, one of America's most important editors, talking. What does the Government say? "We are investigating the charges." What does New York City say? "You can't prevent gambling."

Branded men

No, but you can try to prevent murder as a wholesale business and graft as a day-to-day commerce. The link between the new-style gangster and the shady politician is the biggest story in America today and its surface has only been pricked by reporters' pens. These are names to watch: Frank Costello, Joe Adonis, Ralph Capone (brother of Al), Mickie Cohen, Waxie Gordon, Meyer Lansky, Vincent (Blue Eyes) Alo.

If they are innocent, why don't they sue? Every newspaper here has branded them as racketeers. It would need an Ernest Hemingway to write the full account, and Mr. Hemingway has preoccupations of his own.

The current issue of the New Yorker magazine, in a devastating and memorable profile of Hemingway, gives the best and most penetrating close-up of America's self-announced greatest living author.

The article is written by Lillian Ross and is superlative journalism. I have never read a better piece.

Poor Mr. Hemingway, the champion and champagne man. Poor Mrs. Hemingway, Miss Ross sketches a profile with all the warts, and there are many.

They tell me

Heard around the town: Fashion note: A light dress often helps a girl's circulation. The man who claims he has no secrets from his wife has no secrets or no wife. Lord Swinton tells me: "The people who matter read your diary." All 10,000,000 matter to me.

The entire British and French Press corps in New York turned out for a farewell party for Miss Lena Horne, the gifted singer, who has strong views about racial discrimination. She appears in Paris, and then London.

She regards the British as the most tolerant people in the world. Well, they have tolerated the Government long enough.

Betty Hutton is in town, rushing around from night club to night club. She says: "It's no fun being single. Women should be married."

Footnote: Of course the British and American Allies should share their atomic secrets. After all, they failed to keep them from their enemies.

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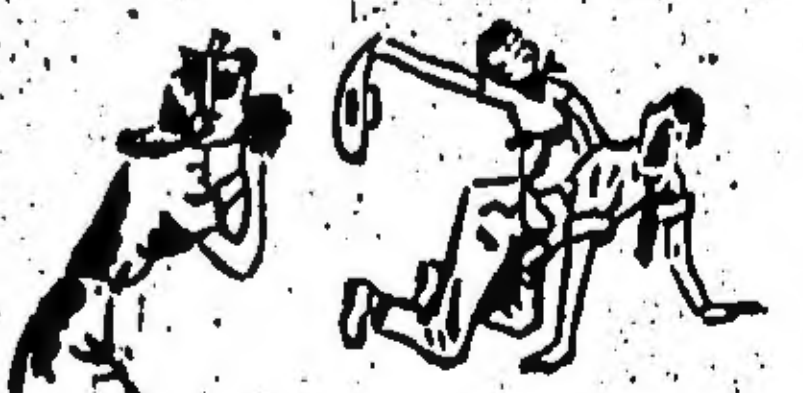
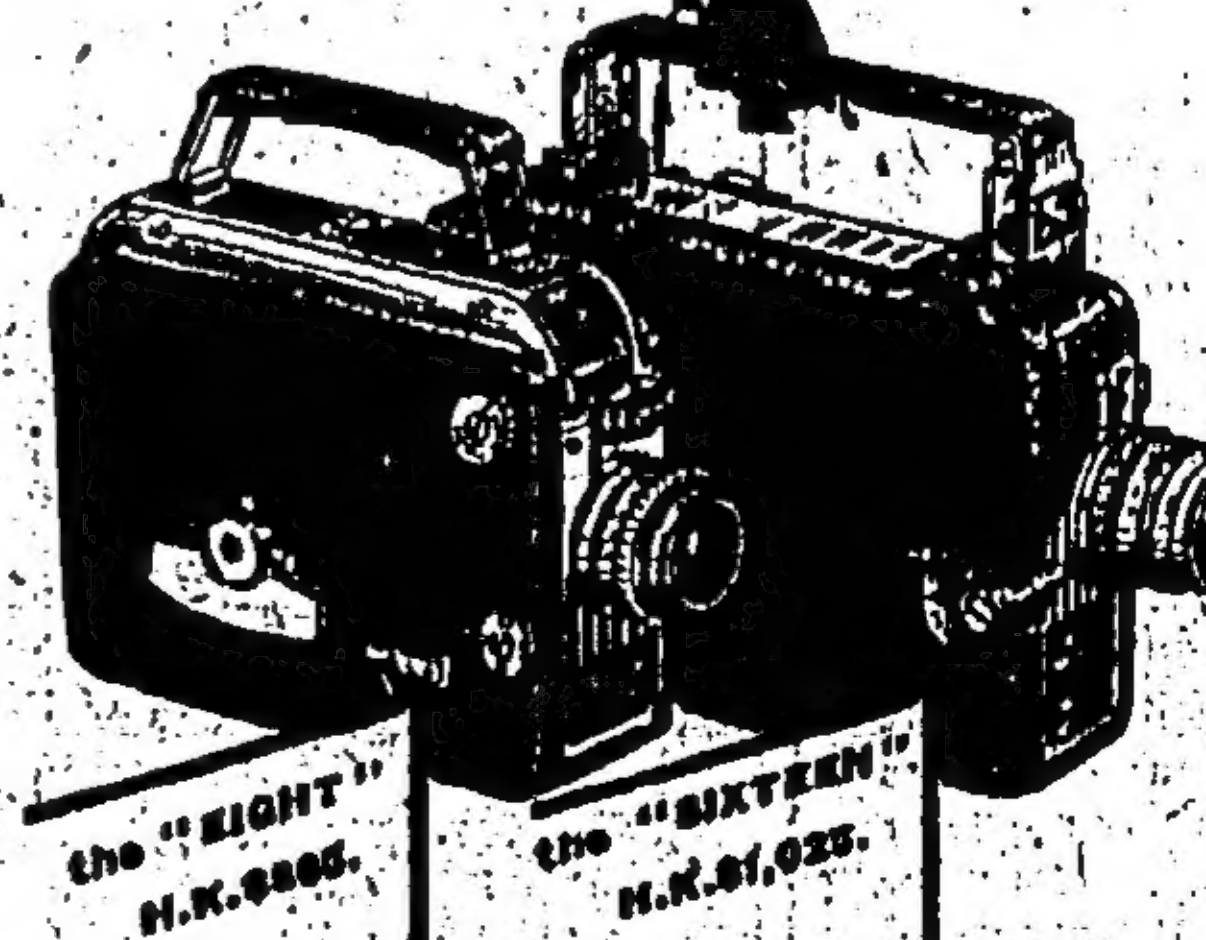
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Four thousand S'hai firms close down in eight months

Some 4,000 firms in Shanghai closed down in the eight months between August last year and March this year, according to a Chinese Press report.

Of these 1,000 were described as industrial plants and 2,000 as commercial enterprises.

The three main causes that contributed to their liquidation were given as: the reduced purchasing power of the people, high overhead, and wrong business policy. This last, however, admits a "super-man" cause—as one businessman puts it—the crippling taxation.

In this connection another Chinese report estimated that Shanghai firms will have to pay a total of 400,000 million Jenminpiao (US\$11,500,000) in industrial and commercial tax alone for the months of March, April and May under the new "democratic assessment" system.

(Under this system the authorities assess the tax to be paid by each trade on the basis of data supplied by the various trade guilds, and there is no appeal against the official assessment.)

A Chinese economic expert writing in a Shanghai paper said he believed that the city's businessmen are in a position to pay this sum. He based his belief on the fact that in the month of March—a month likely to live long in the memories of Shanghai traders—Shanghai paid 500,000 million JMP (about US\$14,300,000) for Victory Bonds and another 508,300 million JMP (about US\$17,000,000) in taxes, or a total of 1,008,300 million JMP.

The sum to be collected for industrial and commercial tax, the expert says, is only 40 per cent of this amount.

But before collection can be undertaken, the writer declared registration of business houses must be pressed, as so far only 48,000 of Shanghai's estimated 100,000 firms have joined their respective guilds.

He also urged the collection of all necessary information regarding business conditions of various firms in order to be able to determine a more realistic amount of tax that a firm must pay.

Co-operation urged

The expert appealed for full co-operation by business enterprises, "as it is impossible for the authorities to check up the accounts of every one of the 100,000 firms in Shanghai."

Some time ago, he added, the Tax Bureau investigated the accounts of 5,845 firms, out of which 78 per cent, or 4,534 firms, were found to have tried in one way or another to evade full payment.

In commenting on this article, believed to be inspired, a businessman agreed that, on a purely statistical basis, Shanghai is capable of paying the 400,000 million JMP due shortly, but actually very few concerns are in a position to undergo further milking.

This sum, while small compared with that paid in March, may well prove to be the "straw" in the case of a considerable number of enterprises, he warned.

In a notice published in all Chinese papers, the Tax Bureau reminded foreign firms that they must participate in the Assessment Committee for their respective trades for assessment of their industrial and commercial enterprise tax payable after March.

Russian demands on Hirohito just propaganda

The State Department suggested again today that Russia is making propaganda with its renewed demand for a war crimes trial for Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

Moscow made the demand originally last February 1. A new note this week urged a formal reply, which the U.S. had withheld.

The new note was delivered by mail and reporters were told today that it is still being translated.

Without saying whether there will ultimately be a formal reply, the Press Officer, Michael J. McDermott, noted that the State Department has already told Moscow that if it is sincere it should submit its proposal to the 13-Nation Far Eastern Commission.

Russia agreed in 1946 to a formal decision by the Commission to exempt the Emperor from indictment as a war criminal without direct authorization to General Douglas MacArthur.

Thus it was contended that General MacArthur cannot act without a new policy decision by the Far Eastern Commission.

The State Department said when the original Soviet demand was made that the sensational manner in which it was submitted raises obvious questions about the real motive behind the Soviet note.

It said then that one likely motive was to divert attention from Soviet failure to repatriate or otherwise explain the fate of over 300,000 Japanese prisoners detained in Soviet-held territory.

It noted that Moscow had not answered an American proposal for an international survey of the situation.—Associated Press.

"World closer to peace"

Washington, June 1.
President Truman said at his Press conference today that the world was closer to peace than at any time in the last five years.

Mr. Truman made this statement when asked to comment on reports of a Gallup poll of American public opinion which said that the majority of Americans expected a war in the next five years.

The President replied firmly that he did not agree with this point of view.

He was doing everything he could to prevent a war and was endeavouring to do this through the United Nations. He did not elaborate on his statement about the world being closer to peace.—Reuter.

JAP CARBIDE FOR SINGAPORE

Tokyo, June 2.
Japanese trade circles said a tentative agreement has been reached to ship 2,000 tons of carbide to Singapore.

The Goyo Boeki company is now awaiting the letter of credit before the shipment is made. The sources believe that the quoted Japanese price of \$75 per ton can compete against higher prices of British and American carbide.—Associated Press.

PRELIMINARY PEACE TALKS WITH JAPAN?

Tokyo, June 1

Preliminary treaty talks between Japan and the United States may take place in the near future as a result of the Japanese Government's announcement today that it would be willing to sign separate peace treaties.

A lengthy Foreign Office statement, tracing post-war developments and the failure of the Allies to agree on the Japanese question, said Japan should embark on a programme of steadily achieving normal international treaties with nations willing to accord it independence and equality.

The surprise announcement was unprecedented and indicated the Government's willingness to risk dangers that might result from failure to sign an overall treaty with all her wartime enemies at the same time.

Diplomatic and military quarters agreed that the United States was the most likely nation to sign a separate peace with Japan and considered today's statement as indicating the Japanese have given up hope of getting the Russians to attend a conference and agree to the things America probably will want.

A separate peace with the United States would put Japan definitely in the anti-Communist bloc and probably would call for American protection against possible Russian retaliation.

Yoshida calls on MacArthur

Commenting on Press reports that the Soviets had again demanded that Great Britain and the United States arraign the Emperor as a war criminal, an official Government spokesman said the idea is unthinkable.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, said the trials of Japanese war criminals were completed and the question of war crimes now belongs to the past.

The Japanese Premier, Shigeru Yoshida, saw General Douglas

MacArthur this evening and talked briefly with the Supreme Commander about today's surprise announcement.

Thus for General MacArthur has made no comment. Political observers here believe the first informal discussion of the possibilities of a separate peace treaty between Japan and the United States would come this month. Mr. John Foster Dulles, who is handling the Japanese peace treaty question for the U.S. State Department, is due here for a first hand study and conference with Japanese and occupation officials.

Also coming here are the U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, and the Army Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, for the purpose of working out with General Douglas MacArthur the Defence Department's position regarding a treaty and post-treaty bases in Japan.

The stand taken today by the Japanese Government amounts to an invitation to other countries to open up negotiations for separate peace talks.—United Press.

Paris, June 1.
Lightning killed one of two men who sheltered beneath a tree in the Bois de Boulogne during a half-hour thunderstorm today. The second man suffered severe shock.—Associated Press.

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London, June 1.

Britain is putting its ghosts to work to attract foreign tourists this summer.

From the haunted Tower of London to William Shakespeare's sleepy home town, Stratford-on-Avon, anxious-to-please guides and innkeepers are memorising the fascinating national legends and ghost stories tourists like to hear—the more horrific or romantic the better. Americans especially, enjoy them.

The tourist industry, currently greeting the first big rush of 1950's expected 600,000 foreign visitors—170,000 from the United States—is finding British ghosts almost as valuable as a stock-in-trade as the famous White Cliffs of Dover, or stately Canterbury Cathedral. Altogether, Britain hopes to make £60,000,000 from tourists of all nationalities before November's yellow fogs and wet weather strangle the traffic.

The Americans are expected to spend \$70,000,000 here. The gloomy, 900-year-old Tower of London—oldest active fortress in Europe—provides the best "entertainment," boasting 40 colourfully-dressed "Beefeaters" guides with every detail of the Tower's bloody history at their fingertips. The "Beefeaters" were 16th century royal waiters and food-tasters. Says the Tower Constable, Colonel Edward H. Carkeet James: "Americans, particularly, enjoy hearing our ghost stories as much as seeing the Crown Jewels, even though we advise a large grain of salt. This place is full of legends."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From CALCUTTA, RANGOON & STRAITS

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m.s. "SANGOLA"

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of storage of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after June 3, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on June 6, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before June 23, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.
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B.I. S.N. Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, June 3, 1950.

The spectres of many long-dead Tower victims, including two beheaded wives of King Henry VIII—Anne Boleyn and Katherine Howard—are supposed to haunt its ramparts, and at night the screams of tortured men reputedly echo in the dungeons. Tourists eat it up.

Crown Jewels

Built by William the Conqueror to command the lower reaches of the busy Thames River, the famous grey-stone Tower has served as a fortress, prison, Royal residence, mint, armoury, private execution ground—and a long-time lure for overseas visitors.

Its main job now is to display and guard Britain's magnificent £20,000,000 Crown Jewels. Crack armed troops, steel bars and plate glass surround the Royal gems where they are on show at sixpence a look. Swift-falling steel curtains would snap off the arms of anyone smashing the glass and reaching in. Last attempt at theft was made 279 years ago, before the jewels were placed in their steel cage. An Irish adventurer named Colonel Blood grabbed some and ran. Guards caught him. As might be expected, Blood's re-

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P.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Salon Concert Players.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Saturday's Favourite Classics.
10.30—Morning Medley.
A.M.
12.15—Financial and World News.
12.15—Strike Up The Band.
12.32—Dance Music.
1.15—News.
1.30—The Week's Composer.
2.00—Variety Sale The Tune.
4.00—The Tex Beneke Show.
4.15—Tropicals.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Unit Requests.
5.00—"The Adventures of Richard Hannay."
5.30—Italian Opera.
5.40—Terry and Grace.
7.15—"Teen Time."
7.45—Dorothy's Harmony Lane.
8.00—B.B.C. News.
8.10—Local News.
8.15—Music By Paul Weston.
8.30—Sports Roundup.
8.45—Presenting Joy Nichols.
9.00—Norman Clouston and his Memorable Music.
9.30—Hit Parade.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Local News.
10.15—Cabaret and Dance Music.
11.00—The Novelties Trio.
11.15—Murder Scrap Book.
11.30—Standup.
12.00—Close Down.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.s. "TAIPING"
Arrived June 1, 1950

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf from 10 a.m. on June 5 and 6, 1950 and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: FRIDAY the 9TH JUNE at 5 p.m. for the United Kingdom via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers' baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co's Godown at NO. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD. ENTRANCE by NOON on THURSDAY the 8TH JUNE.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

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H.K.T. P.M.

12.15—Morning Prayers. (Studio)
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary. (BBC)

12.35—Morison and Kaye on two Pianos play Old Favorites.
12.45—Light Variety with the Hot Club of France.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—Mark Weber and His Orch.

2.00—"Humor" (BBC)
2.30—"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Characters Introduced by Lionel Box. (Studio)

3.00—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by "Archer" (Studio)
3.05—"Peter York and His Concert Orch. with Percy Ried and Steve Conway. (Vocal)

4.30—"Farewell Chorus"—Presented by Norman Fletcher. (Studio)
5.00—"Unit Requests"—Linda Cater Calling—27 M.T. Company.

5.55—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.00—"Adventures of Richard Hannay"—By John Hannay, No. 10. "The Chateau D'Autcourt, Balnearius." (London Relay)

6.30—"It's Swinging."
7.00—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orch. (BBC)

7.30—"Variety, Bandstand"—From the Camberwell Palace. London. (BBC)

8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15—"Saturday Round-Up." (Studio)

8.30—London "Concert"—London Radio Orch. (BBC)
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

9.10—Weather Report.
9.11—"Sports Results." (Studio)

9.15—"Canterbury Tales"—Chaucer's Poem Adapted for Broadcasting by Nevill Coghill No. 18. "The Canon's Yeoman's Tale." (BBC)

10.05—"Cabaret and Dance Music."
11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

11.15—"Weather Report."
11.16—"Goodnight Music."
11.20—Close Down.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES PER STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY

m.s. "WYOMING"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on June 2, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after June 3, 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before June 10, 1950 or they will not be recognised.

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Hong Kong, May 30, 1950.

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m.s. "CANTHAGE"	10th July	8th August
m.s. "CORFU"	4th August	5th September
m.s. "CANTON"	1st September	2nd October
m.s. "CANTHAGE"	29th September	30th October
m.s. "CORFU"	27th October	27th November
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